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SUBJ: VIEWS OF BARCELONA CIVIL GOVERNOR SANCHEZ DERAN ON
THE POLITICAL SITUATION

1. IN A CALL ON THE CHARGE ON APRIL 5 TO DISCUSS THE
POLITICAL SITUATION, BARCELONA CIVIL GOVERNOR SANCHEZ
DERAN PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING POLITICAL VIEWS. HE HAD
JUST COME FROM A TALK WITH MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT
MARTIN VILLA.

2. PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ WOULD HAVE PREFERRED NOT
TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY PERSONALLY IN THE ELECTIONS,
AND WOULD NOT NOW BE CONSIDERING DOING SO IF THE
LEADERSHIP OF THE CENTER WERE STRONGER AND MORE
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COHERENT. MOREOVER, THE OPPOSITION TO HIS PARTICIPATION
THAT HAD EVIDENCED ITSELF IN SOME MEDIA AND POLITICAL
SECTORS WAS INFLUENCING HIS THINKING. NEVERTHELESS,
SANCHEZ DERAN THOUGHT THAT BECAUSE OF THE WEAKNESS
OF CENTER LEADERSHIP AND THE STRENGTH OF THE ALIANZA
POPULAR, WHICH COULD NOT BE TRUSTED WITH THE CONSTITU-
ENT PROCESS, SUAREZ WOULD END UP PARTIPATING IN SOME

MANNER. PROCEDURALLY HE HAD UNTIL ROUGHLY A MONTH BEFORE THE ELECTIONS TO ANNOUNCE HIS DECISION IF HE WISHED TO TAKE THAT LONG.

3. SANCHEZ DERAN ALSO THOUGHT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LEGALIZE THE COMMUNIST PARTY. THE PUBLIC HAD GENERALLY ASSUMED THAT THE COURT WOULD LEGALIZE IT, THEREFORE THE SITUATION HAD EVOLVED TO THE POINT THAT EVEN THE MILITARY MIGHT STOMACH SUCH A GOVERNMENT MOVE.

4. A NUMBER OF CIVIL GOVERNORS, UNDER SECRETARIES AND DIRECTOR GENERALS WOULD BE RESIGNING AFTER EASTER TO TAKE PART IN THE ELECTIONS. HE, HIMSELF, PROBABLY WOULD RESIGN TO RUN FROM SALAMANCA, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT FINALLY MADE UP HIS MIND.EATON

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